

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/509,245

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/23/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, and 8-10.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jesse Collier on May 30, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 4, line 2, the word "an" after "wherein" has been deleted, "mark" has been changed to -- marks --, the phrase -- one of the plurality of -- has been inserted between "wherein" and "marks", and the word "an" after "detect" has been changed to -- the--.

In claim 4, line 5, the word "mark" has been changed to -- marks --, and the phrase -- one of the plurality of -- has been inserted between "wherein" and "marks".

In claim 8, line 1, "7" has been replaced with -- 1--, of claim 8, the word "the" before "error" has been replaced with -- each--.

In claim 9, lines 1-2, the word "an" after "wherein" has been deleted, "mark" has been changed to -- marks --, the phrase -- one of the plurality of -- has been inserted between "wherein" and "marks", and the word "an" after "detect" has been changed to -- the--.

In claim 10, lines 1-2, the phrase "sheet package includes a plurality of error marks that each cause the sensor to detect an error, the" has been deleted, in line 3, --

plurality of-- has been inserted between "the" and "error", the word -- are -- has been inserted between "marks" and "respectively".

Claims 11, and 14-17 have been canceled.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not teach or render obvious the claimed combination, in particular a sheet package where the package member comprises an identification mark so that the identification mark will be placed in a reading area of a sensor when the sheet package is loaded in the printer correctly and a plurality of error marks which when loaded into the printer incorrectly causes the sensor to detect an error.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew G. Marini whose telephone number is (571)-272-2676. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571)-272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

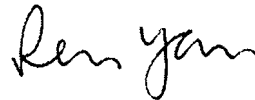
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